

tion present, the Clergy will feel backward in making choice of a Bishop. Judge Cameron will attend, unless prevented by the indisposition of his family.

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As "Whitsunday" (one of the usual Communion Seasons) falls within our ensuing Convention, I shall administer the Lord's Supper in this place, the Sunday previous, viz next Sunday week. If convenient for Mrs. R. and yourself to leave home at that time, we shall be glad to have you with us, at our Saviour's board.

When health shall be once more restored to my family I will consider it a duty as well as a pleasure to visit you.

Present me most affectionately to Mrs. R. and all the family, and believe me Dear Sir

Very sincerely Yr's

W. M. GREEN.

Hon. Thos. Ruffin.

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*From John Berry.<sup>1</sup>*

*Judge Ruffin*

HILSBOROUGH June the 16 1831.

Dear Sir my object in taking the liberty of writing to you at this time; is to request the favour of a recommendation, from, you to the Commissioners appointed to contract for the Building of a new Court House, in the County of Caswell, the commissioners consist of Quintin Anderson, James W. Jeffreys, William A. Lea, Benjamin C. West and James Rainey. I am personally acquainted with some of the commissioners, who have expressed a wish that I should git the contract, and I thought that a recommendation from a person of your High Standing, who was personally acquainted with the commissioners, might be of service to me.

You have seen some of my work in salisbury and elsewhere, if from what you know of me you should be of an opinion that my skill as a Builder is worthy of a recommendation from you I shall consider my self under obligations to you for it. I have procured a number of Books on the science of Building and have made it my study for a number of years Back and I flatter my self at this time from the experience I have had bothe in practice and theory that I can have there building executed in as good stile and as substantially as any other person in this section of country.

The Commissioners receive proposiols till 11th of July it Being the first day of there County court at which time they will examine the proposiols they may have received, and determine upon which they will except.

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